

## **TOWN OF GRANBY**

### **INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

#### **MINUTES**

**July 10, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Chairman David Tolli, Aurelle Locke, Deb Sheahan, Wayne Cahoon and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:07 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission approves (4-0-0) the minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting noting the following adjustment:

Under item 3a, the gravel mining discussion, it should be noted that in response to the question posed by Linda Marshall it was David Askew, Wetlands Agent, who provided the answers.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

279 Granville Road, dam cleanup

Nelson Toussaint, owner, described the proposal. An intermittent stream runs through the property and ends at Salmon Brook. This stream has a series of ponds that have collected debris and sediment over time. Mr. Toussaint would like to clean the three ponds. With the largest pond Mr. Toussaint intends to set the depth to ten feet so that growth will not occur on the bottom making it a cold water pond. Pond number two would be restored to a depth of approximately 4 ½ feet and pond number three to a depth of approximately 6 ½ feet. In addition, fill is to be added to move the existing driveway over by about two feet. The work would be completed using a bulldozer and a backhoe during the driest part of the year. Large slabs of granite will be placed to line the ponds.

Mr. Askew and commission members have visited the site to review the proposal. Mr. Askew does not foresee any potential issues with the project but does request that he be contacted when dewatering the ponds and when the dredging process begins.

The public was invited to comment.

Mr. Jim Glenney, 33 Glen Road, commented that all precautions must be made to protect Salmon Brook from any sedimentation flow or disturbance.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission closed the public hearing. (4-0-0)

#### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Sheahan, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission agreed (4-0-0) to add the following item to the evening's agenda:

Application:

Culvert replacement, 24 – 30 Wells Road

#### **APPLICATION**

3a. 279 Granville Road, dam cleanup

ON A MOTION by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mrs. Sheahan, the commission approves the farm pond restoration and repair of two dams at 279 Granville Road provided the applicant contact wetland agent, David Askew, prior to the dewatering of the ponds and prior to any dredging or fill work on site. The approval is granted due to minimal impact on regulated areas. (4-0-0)

3b. Culvert replacement, 24 – 30 Wells Road

The permit request is for approval of work already completed.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mrs. Locke, the commission approves the permit for the work done on the culvert as all specifications required by the wetlands agent have been met and no further work is necessary. There is no negative impact on the surrounding regulated areas. (4-0-0)

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

4a. Valley Brook Church, 160 Granville Road

The church provided a full set of plans to the wetlands agent. The site is the Reynolds property formerly known as Equistrides. The plans include widening the existing driveway by a couple of feet either side increasing the width from 17' to 22'. At the south end of the property, where the paddock is, the area will be converted to a gravel walkway. The tree removal proposed for improved sightline does not occur in the regulated area. A neighbor wrote a letter to the commission requesting that the commission review the proposal. The concerns made in the letter do not fall under the jurisdiction of this commission.

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Locke, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission approves the request and instructs the wetland agent to sign it since there is minimal impact on the regulated area.

**ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS**

The next monthly meeting is August 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Locke, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 7:51 p.m. (4-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra Yost*

Sandra Yost  
Recording Secretary